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Ex-CIA agent says agency should be disbanded

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The Central Intelligence Agency of the United States has the most effective kill ratio in any war, according to former CIA agent John Stockwell who received two standing ovations from a full house of 550 people Tuesday night at Washington State University's Compton Union Building.

Stockwell painted a gloomy picture of the CIA as he related his experiences of a few of the covert operations he has been involved in. He said the CIA has had 20,000 covert operations since its beginnings under the Truman administration.

"Over 1 million people have died from the covert actions of the CIA. In the CIA building, a plaque has 33 names of people who have died in the line of duty. That's not many for 35 years of war," Stockwell said.

"Let there be no doubt where I stand on the CIA. I would close it down," he said.

Stockwell said the CIA uses the game of semantics to recruit agents.